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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection with the above-identified reissue patent application:

- U.S. Patent No. 6,317,800 B1, issued November 13, 2001
- Assent of Assignee to Reissue, Officer to Surrender Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 CFR §3.73(b)
- 3. Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventors
- Preliminary Amendment
- Claim Status and Support

The filing fee is not enclosed with this communication. Pursuant to 35 USC \S 111 and 37 CFR $\S\S$ 1.53(b) and 1.53(f), the filing fee, executed Declaration and executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (if applicable) separately.

A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) of November 13, 2003 is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are being sent "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" as of the date of this letter.

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